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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a new high poverty school district
2 allocation; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.150 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.150
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) A new allocation is established to provide additional funding
7 to school districts to allow them to further assist struggling
8 students. In establishing this allocation, the legislature is
9 recognizing the impact that poverty, particularly high concentrations
10 of poverty, has on overall student performance. The intent behind this
11 allocation is to give school districts additional resources to provide
12 extended learning opportunities including, but not limited to,
13 tutoring, additional assistance before, during, and after the regular
14 school day, and summer school opportunities. Further, the intent
15 behind this new allocation is to augment and not supplant funding
16 provided through the learning assistance program, the student
17 achievement fund, federal Title I allocations, and other moneys
18 currently spent on these activities.

1 (2) A district is eligible for an allocation if, in the prior
2 school year, the district's percentage of October headcount enrollment
3 in grades K-12 eligible for free lunch exceeded the statewide average.

4 (3) In the 2007-08 school year and each subsequent school year,
5 each eligible district based on the criteria in subsection (1) of this
6 section, shall receive an allocation based on the percentage by which
7 the district's percentage of October headcount enrollment in grades K-
8 12 eligible for free lunch exceeded the statewide average, multiplied
9 by five hundred eighty-one dollars per K-12 full-time equivalent
10 student in that district in the prior school year. After the 2007-08
11 school year, the amount of the per-student allocation shall be adjusted
12 for inflation as measured by the average annual consumer price index,
13 compiled by the bureau of labor statistics, in the prior fiscal year.

14 (4) Each district receiving an allocation under this section shall
15 annually report to its citizens the impact of the activities funded on
16 graduation rates, student attendance, student achievement, closing the
17 achievement gap, and reducing dropouts.

18 (5) The allocation created in this section shall not be considered
19 part of the legislature's definition of basic education.

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